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PROJECT SUN STREAK

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PROJECT NUMBER: 8808

SESSION NUMBER: 😽 🧇 🥆

DATE OF SESSION: 28 FEB 88

DATE OF REPORT: 29 FEB 88

START: 1130 (about)

END: 1330 (about)

METHODOLOGY: WRV

VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

- 1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Attempt to determine the current location of USMC LTC William Richard (Rich) Higgins believed to be currently held hostage in the area known as "Arab Salim".
- (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Same as in para 1. Time permitting, determine the movements and locations in the immediate and near future.
- 3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: Session was conducted at the DIAC on the 7th floor. No inclemencies noted. Session of 26 Feb 88 indicated that Higgins would be moving in two to two and half days. All three viewers found him in a different location. It is conceivable he may have been moved at the time the session was conducted. Summary of the session is at Enclosure 1.



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SUMMARY

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USMC LTC Higgins will be moved in a northeastern and north direction from Arab Salim. He is currently located in Sector "8" Imagery map provided. This location is labelled Y. (Y appears to be an open field). "X" marks the location of a series of buildings that has some functional significance in the movement of Higgins; to facilitate his transportation. Arab Salim is considered a "friendly" (to the captors) area; they are about to head north and reenter what is considered an unfriendly area. They have been logistically replenished and new personnel have been assigned to the project. The target automobile remains the same as previously described; two additional non-descript automobiles that blend well with the environs will be used. The first and more important automobile will precede the target vehicle; the second vehicle will follow the target vehicle. Higgins will be on floor in the back seat of the target vehicle wrapped n a brown/blue/green blanket. Walkie talkies with a maximum range of an estimated 53 miles will be used to insure communications among the vehicles. Higging will not be transported by air or by sea. New orders have been issued by two or three elders with the commando group to treat Higgins "better than the newspaper reporters" because Higgins is considered a political plum that can be used to advantage in gaining

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negotiations (indirect) with the US. The Iranians want him (Higgins) dead. The Soviet want no part of the Higgins caper for fear of being implicated in the abduction plot. THE FACT REMAINS THAT HIGGINS WILL BE RETURNED UNHARMED. In reply to a direct query, Viewer 079 indicated that a rescue operation could be feasible provided such an operation were undertaken by the "Israelis" who are more familiar with the terrain and whose intelligence network and troop movements are less like to attract attention (than the US). Higgins will be moved within the next twenty five to thirty hours; he will remain at the first point indicated for about five hours, in the next station for about two days. The captors want to arrive at Beirut the soonest; in unfriendly territory, he is considered a hot potato, dangerous to be with even in the capacity of captor.

Aided from Session Tronscript

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